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The Song of Songs, Last Day of Passover, 1917.

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Resubmission of
written for my file

221, 213, 313, 116

Especially
Fatherhood of God.
Reason may speak of
God as Creator.
Rel: must speak
of him as Father.

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To experience an
intimacy, an
intimacy of the
divine

251 קצת משהו
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 משהו שחור עזאזל
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קצת משהו
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Mysticism transforms
life and death.

Mystic's death is
only this 5 fold: 1. 6. 11

27 July 2 - Read p. 162.

-abelson 1304

The King of the East
arms one principle
him, attaches him to
the divine -

spirit will touch
for God - East & West

Jud. being an artist. Rel.
I. Originality of Jud is
interpreted by other
liter. customs + by Law
to keep it simple

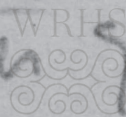
I As we grow older we
modify + reevaluate
our ideas + our youth.

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Jude took 5 RS.
a love Rhapsody after
accepted poet style
+ reevaluated. Spiritually
+ tradition ordered to
reading on Passover.

II Bec. Passover is feast
of youth + nation + spirit
then youth. Jude kindness

My tie ^{alone} know joy
of life.

We have drawn
joy from our religion.
We have made it
matter of duty & Con-
duct



Intellect & Soul
Room cannot
reach foot direct
way of thought & Soul
in feeling & emotion

It is in perfect correspondence
with the spirit of the East.
Vernal spirit.

III. When a people is young
it sings. It is the song of the
The Lord is my strength & my
song. When the new
was in the land & the
being faith it sang
in the world sing
the people sing 19th psalm
When the strength & song
When our rel. was young
we were not psalm
It is the song of the
IV 5

ב' ואלהן אתה לך ה' ה' ה'
עם שמה אלהיך ואלה אלה
עם קדשך ואלה אלה ה' ה' ה'
עם שמה אלהיך ואלה אלה ה' ה' ה'

עם שמה אלהיך ואלה אלה ה' ה' ה'
עם שמה אלהיך ואלה אלה ה' ה' ה'

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Of our self is to be
constantly young
must be full of the
mystic song, love, it
must speak of other
union with God.

א, אבם - אלא

אמא אלא אלא אלא

א, אבם - אלא

א, אבם - אלא

II. We have lost the
gift of love. We have become
cold. Our duty is a water
of duty and of joy. Something
we are in 5th 7 stage.
Our strength & sentiment
now cold

V. It is more penhally
a weathery Ref. Jud.
It began not as a revival
but ~~was~~ an eclectic move-
ment. Anti-normist. It
suffered from rationalism.
1. It made a Messianic
Jud. which was a prosaic
Jud.
2. It tried to make it
so absolutely plausible
when, rare that it were
it found abstract
flat, a rel. of platitudes
& syllogisms - Jud.
is more than a
Moral Code

VIII. Let us not be afraid
to speak of God as a living
Father, as
friend, as lover.

1. - 13/31 13/31. 36

2. Let us bring back
the Song to our faith.

3. Let us keep those
who have gone after ^{WRHS}
from seeking ^{WRHS}
Gods in foreign lands.

4. The world is hungry for
God. As this new ^{WRHS}
Let us help ourselves to the
by teaching & living a life
permeated with the living
presence of God. - 13/31 13/31
13/31

Moral efficiency will not
solve the hunger, the need
the pain, the sorrows of life.
It is a realization of God in
us - a seeking for Him
the world - a mysticism
with the spiritualism.

VII. The moral man can be
a very sad man but the
religious soul is
- for the human soul
in his freedom, all
is well with the world.

1. Life - transformed. for
it is the means of attaining
perfection - Luzzatto.

2. Death, a Kiss &
God. Read Abraham.

3. God just the limits
+ shores of the mighty
streams of God.

moral formalism - Christian criticism. R. J. Jew
to d.

"The lyrical expression" of religion.

ה' לך ואלוהיך -

To acknowledge God not only as our King and
Creator but as Our Father and our Shepherd

A Personal Judaism, by means

The piety of the saint ~~is~~ rather than the moral
efficiency of the reformer is the highest expression
of religion.

The psalms of the Bible, the prayers, the
Talmud & Midrash

אשר יהוה יברך את ישראל
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same, sober, plausible, rational, platitudes, pamphlet-just, rel. materials in
enthusiasm, mysticism, ecstasy. inspiration

~~Mosaic Judaism proved a prosaic Judaism.~~

Saint, Chasid, Kadosh

"Saintliness is essentially a subjective quality" Scheele.

Godal life - purity of soul and nobility of conduct. We have
stressed the latter. The outward expression but have neglected
the subjective, immediate-relation - to God - ... intimate contact
and close communion with God.

Hence our apothecis of Judaism - the pivotal point of
the rel. life. It is only a radiating spoke of the Hub - God-enthusiasm.

The matchless beauty of psalms. The silent devotion.

Our liturgy abounds with it - deep mystic chords that thrill
in wonderous ecstasy than the liturgy of a people.

II Reform Judaism, like early Pauline Christianity, was
in a sense purely antinomian. But antinomianism, exalted
into a cult, regarded as an end in itself leads to apostasy
even as Pauline Christ led to apostasy. Reform Jud. will perpetrate
itself if its antinom. springs from a rel. mysticism. If we
break the barriers of trad. + law only to come into closer touch
with God. We subject the law to the rel. craving of our being, not to
expediency. and our criterion should be not accommodation but

Soul-growth and Expansion. The test is then not External but internal, not social but soul, not environment but needs & spirit.

End of morality is just - life-perfection. Buzzati, 1901, 1902
war leads to mysticism - proof?

The dead-level of propriety. ~~and~~ the flat morality of the average man —

For an whole some idealism - a group-life conducive to idealism must be created. Hence we must idealize our life and institutions. Family relations, Home, Jew school, etc. Idealistic groups are usually found in groups - Safed, Transcendentalists, Germ. mystics

"Holmes" - "Sermon"

'Ideals' - "Sermon"

The Proc. Man - "Sermon"

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 חק השלמות הוא העצם הכולל
 מחסון השלמות וההתקפה מכל -
 Luzzatto p. 14, "א
 ודפינינגהאד

Luzzatto p. 14
Moral efficiency is ~~not~~ not yet religious. Defining moral.
not only true mythical much for humanity is preoccupied
with mythical life

Both were saved by Mysticism. In the one
case by the Zohar mysticism. In the other
by Baal Shem + Chassidism. We must return
the rel. mpt. to God. — the rel. 5 lines etc.

And the doubt is still strong in my mind
whether Moses Cordovero (5300)
Isaac Luria, Chayyim Vital, Baal
Shem were not nearer the waiting
God — than Maimonides, + Moses Mendelssohn.

בשר ודם היה לאל
אשר לא ידעו

Humbly - "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit
the earth"

"Man's history is the history of his journey to the unknown
in quest of the realization of his immortal self - his soul

you cannot know him through greater knowledge.
but by going ourselves up to standing face to face
with him.

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"Inevitable death is the end of death" T.

<sup>are
files</sup> "In our pleasures we are confined to
ourselves, in the good we are freed
and we belong to all" T.

(Sm & Grace)
P The inner friendship

P of old our fathers could exclaim
 ואלו נאמר פה כל היום 216 ואלו נאמר
 Can we say it - ואלו נאמר

capture -
 Spiritual Experience
 The 13th C. Jud.



deserted

P Reform Judaism starting as an intellectual
 movement suffered the same deserting when
 that the 13th C. Jud. opened at the hands of
 Maxim. ^{plur. Heron} 18th C. Jud. at hands of legal
 over

Am. needs mysticism - East.
Jude needs it.

Sung & Songs' - 13/31, 14.
- 1/13/31

Objections to Jew. Mysticism
1. Transcendental.
2. Legalism.
3. National.

Rel. Rhapsody

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I. Originality of Judaism. Reevaluation.
a. Song & Songs - Even of its own literature great Rhapsody.

II. Read on Passover. Why? Youth.

1. Juste Midrash.
2. Judaism, too, is religion of youth. Juste Midrash de Yonah for the sake of the society for.
3. Of old Judaism was young. It could sing. Psalms.
God was near, ... *וְהוֹדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי יְהוָה יֵחָדָשׁ* —
... *וְהוֹדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי יְהוָה יֵחָדָשׁ*

III. We have become old. We are in Whitehead - mood. We have lost gift of singing. Emotion & sentiment. Drawn from faith. Rel. matter of common society, but a profound realization.

IV. Rel. is two things. I. Conduct II. It'siness.
1. Men who think conduct is enough. Philanthropy.

2. *וְהוֹדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי יְהוָה יֵחָדָשׁ*

3. Morality not enough in life. Cannot make us happy. *Juste.*

V. Reform Judaism's weakness - *It'siness* had a revival but an ecclesiastical movement. We need not a Reform Judaism but a Revived Judaism.

1. Sanity, soberness, plainibility and test of great faith.

VI. *Menahem* Let us bring back the Song to our Rel. *13131, 16*
... *13131* ...

1. The world hungers for God, for a living God.